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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Nicaragua Briefing for James Baker,
Research Assistant for Senator Moynihan

1. At the request of Senator Moynihan (D., N.Y.), DOD arranged a briefing on the Nicaraguan insurgent situation for James Baker, a research assistant on the Senator's personal staff.

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2. DOD requested CIA participation

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3. The first part of the briefing took place in the offices of Walter Jajko, a member of OSD/POL at the Pentagon. Michael Burns of that staff also participated. General Fred Gordon of DOD's International Security Affairs (Director, Inter-American Region) attended. The second part of the session took place in the office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Fred Ikle. The third segment took place in General Gordon's office.

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- Intelligence on the internal situation in Nicaragua suggests that the regime is hardpressed. Socially and economically, it is deteriorating.

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- The Contadora solution is not viable; it is not acceptable to Central American countries.

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6. General Gordon elaborated on the military aspects of the Nicaraguan issue. He described the military significance for the Soviet Bloc in having a "base" in Central America.



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